

Richmond Times-Dispatch

TRAFFORD RECOMMENDS INCREASED WATER RATES

City News in Brief

Finance Committee Favorably Impressed With Request of Utilities Director.

GAS PLANT MAKES 12 PER CENT

Next Thing Up for Consideration Will Be This Item—Favorable Contracts Are Made for Coal and Oil, It Report.

If the recommendation of Director of Public Utilities Trafford is carried out, and the wishes of the Finance Committee, as expressed at the meeting of the committee last night, are acted upon favorably by Council, there will be a slight increase in water rates. For more than three years the minimum water rate has been 40 cents. After the budget has been adopted and the ordinance passes, a law, the new bill will go to the rate of 46 cents. Mayor Ainslie last year and the year before advocated a graduated scale which would increase the revenue and help to pay for and regulate the water charges. Under the present ordinance, the rate is 40 cents for the first 10,000 feet and lower, at 46 cents; 10,000 to 11,000 feet, 4 cents; for the next 10,000 feet, 9 cents; for the third 10,000 feet, 14 cents; all over that number, 19 cents. This gives the large consumer some advantage, but it eliminates the small.

This was discussed by the Finance Committee at the hearing of Director Trafford last night. **SITUATION NEXT**. The committee voted to take up the gas situation. It was shown by Director Trafford that the gas plant is now at 42.12 per cent on the investment and that \$125,000 there might be a reduction with a small revenue. This question will be fully discussed and acted upon at a meeting of the committee before the budget has been adopted.

Mr. Trafford in his explanation of his budget outlined that the water plant had been reduced in capacity and that large improvements would be necessary to put the city under a system equal to handle any big conference. The water department's water mains on Broad and Marshall Streets are not according to the direction of sufficient size to supply the demands of water or sufficient pressure for handling any big blaze.

It was brought out by Councilman Jones that the citizens of the South Side and the North Side are not of sufficient force to supply water to upper floors of many of the residence buildings in the section. Councilman Roden thought that possible a bond issue might be considered so that the situation may be clarified and then this suggestion Director Trafford beamed with pleasure.

Gets \$250 Cont Contract. This committee again voted to consider a possible rehabilitation of the water plant and the electric plant, will be considered later by the committee, when the question of revenue is taken up.

Mr. Trafford in his report to the committee when he stated that the department would be able to contract out at \$150 a ton for a short period of time, said that the H. V. Ferguson Co. of South Richmond is insolvent. The petitioners' request for a receiver was granted. Judge W. W. Turner, who named Mr. Turner as receiver, took him to give a bond in the sum of \$2,000.

Rev. S. L. DuMville, pastor of the First Methodist church, addressed the men's meeting at the Central Avenue Club at 8 o'clock last night. He told them that the connection may be made with the Virginia Power and Light Co., which does not materially change, said Director Trafford, we may find it to a great advantage to shift down the coal and gas division of the plant and use it together. For this reason I have not made needed changes in the coal-gas plant.

Director Trafford stated that he had made a number of changes in the official corps in his department, and in several instances had found it practical to reduce the number of men employed, although the number of men figured efficiency. Several cases of increase in salary were noted, but these increases are often due to when materials and products were much less in price.

WANT MORE WATER PRESSURE ON BROAD

Retail Merchants Will Go Before City Authorities for Better Protection.

Communication that stronger water pressure be furnished by the city on Broad Street has been made to the City Council by the Richmond Retail Merchants' Association, Dr. E. Phillips, Jr., chairman of the Industrial and Good Roads Committee of the association, having made an investigation of the condition now existing. The retailer stated that the fire hazard was greater now than smooth water pressure, and that this condition should be remedied by increased pressure.

At the present time, merchants say, in most places along Broad Street the water pressure is low, and water cannot be obtained in the day time on the third story of some buildings, and must not be greater than twenty pounds. It is understood that the Department of Public Utilities is already looking into the recommendation.

Three captains for teams in the Good Roads Campaign, which will be organized by the Virginia Good Roads Association, were selected by the board to represent the retail merchants. Irving Greenstreet, E. G. Schmidt and Russell Reutte were chosen by Rev. Walter Geddes.

The total amount asked for by the director is \$125,000, which is a decrease from last year of \$61,965. This includes both salary and expense accounts.

The committee adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, when the School Gas Rates Generally.

Mayor Ainslie has secured from various cities in Virginia and elsewhere information on the price of gas in the various cities. The table shows the price of gas in Richmond is far below most cities. In New York there is now a great agitation to have gas at 46 cents per thousand cubic feet, and to have a rate of 10 cents a gallon. In that city there are several competing companies. The table shows the following:

Richmond \$1.20
New York application pending to raise rate to \$1.50 1.20
Washington, D. C. 1.30
Wilmington, Del. 1.30
Philadelphia, Pa. 1.30
Baltimore, Md. 1.30
Boston, Mass. 1.30
Mobile, Ala. 1.30
Elizabeth City, N. C. 1.30
Newark, N. J. 1.30
New Orleans, La. 1.30
Albany, N. Y. 1.30
Montgomery, Ala. 1.30
Charleston, S. C. 1.30
Roanoke, Va. 1.30
Pittsburgh, Pa. 1.30
Norfolk, Va. 1.30
Peterburg, Va. 1.30
Newport News, Va. 1.30
Memphis, Tenn. 1.30
Pittsburgh, Mass. 1.30
Jacksonville, Fla. 1.30
Atlanta, Ga. 1.30
Nashville, Tenn. 1.30
Syracuse, N. Y. 1.30
Charlotte, N. C. 1.30
Wilmington, N. C. 1.30
Staunton, Va. 1.30
Raleigh, N. C. 1.30

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"
SUCCESSFULLY PRESENTED

About 300 Attired Show Given by Dramatic Club of Richmond.

Over 300 Richmonders attended the play entitled "She Stoops to Conquer," which was given at the Hotel of Richmond last night in the Red Cross Building. This is the second production given by the Dramatic Club of Richmond and proved to be a great success.

The leading part was played by Harry Riddick, who was taking the part of Mrs. Hardcastle. Another feature which greatly helped to put the touch of humor to the show was the orchestra.

The next play will be given about May 1, according to the plans of the Dramatic Club at this time.

Judgment Is Reversed.

Judgment of the lower court was affirmed yesterday in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the appeal of the city of Baltimore against the United States government concerning the application of the so-called wartime prohibition act. The plaintiff in error questioned the constitutionality of the statute as it applied to Baltimore. Judges sitting were Knapp, Woods and Smith.

Suit Is Continued.

The suit of Margaret Louise Francis against the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which the Circuit Court of Appeals was continued indefinitely when it was announced by counsel that a settlement had been reached, the plaintiff sought damages for personal injuries. An agreement was reached between the contending parties and the case will proba-

TARHEELS TO DECIDE CLEARANCE LAW TODAY

Governor Seay, of Reserve Bank Here, Returns From North Carolina Capital.

BELIEVE ACT WILL STAND

Assembly Will Take Up Measure for Final Action—Movement on Foot to Keep Legislature in Session During Coming Week.

Whether the so-called "act to protect the solvency of State banks," which has disrupted the par collection system of the Fifth Federal Reserve Bank in North Carolina and is said to have affected banks in South Carolina, will be repeated by the General Assembly of that state will be definitely determined today, the last day's session of the General Assembly of the Fifth District last night stated he had grave doubts of this being done.

After the Federal Reserve Bank will issue another general circular briefly setting forth all of the facts in the controversy between the Fifth District bank and the North Carolina bank, with the exception of an injunction against the Federal Reserve which has greatly added to the trouble already in existence. This general impression is that the bank must be made a bad situation.

John C. Carlton, a director of the Civil Welfare League of America and the students of the School of Social Work and Public Health and the School of Social Agencies today at noon. The meeting will be held at 1228 East Broad Street.

Monte Stone's happiness is coming down to the point of finalization of the marriage of the United States rods to his incarceration in Puckard. A telegram from Washington yesterday to Major Stone and Commissioner of Labor Hirschberg have been appointed to add the government in this district.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.

John H. Williams, alias "Slim,"

is scheduled for electrocution at 10:30 A. M. this morning.